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It is noted that a large proportion of the emigrants recently engaging passage at this port for the United States and its possessions exhibit evidence of disease of the conjunctivæ. When cases are observed at inspection presenting symptoms of trachoma sufficiently well marked to act as a bar under the immigration laws of the United States, suitable recommendations are made to the steamship officials. These measures are, however, to a certain extent rendered futile, since it commonly happens that emigrants suffering from trachoma, and thereby unable to secure direct passage to the United States, buy steamship tickets to Canadian ports, especially Victoria, British Columbia, apparently with the intention of evading the immigration laws of the United States.

#### MEXICO.

##### *Report from Mazatlan—No new cases of plague.*

Consul Kaiser reports, April 3, that there had been no new cases of plague for more than two weeks prior to the date of his dispatch, and that at the date of writing there were only 13 patients confined in the pesthouse. Of these, the majority were convalescent. Confidence is restored, and the people who fled from the city are returning.

For the week ended April 14, Consul Kaiser reports as follows: There are only two patients in the pesthouse at the present time, one of whom is better, and the other case is doubtful. The death that occurred in the pesthouse during the past week was of a patient who had been there since last January. The plague is considered by every one here extirpated, as we have had no new cases for over three weeks, although there are some cases in a little hamlet 20 miles northwest of this city.

#### NICARAGUA.

##### *Report from Bluefields, fruit port.*

Assistant-Surgeon Goodman reports, April 19, as follows: Week ended April 19, 1903. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 2; prevailing diseases, pulmonary tuberculosis and malarial fever; no quarantinable diseases; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

*Bills of health were issued to the following vessels.*

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 15	Nicaragua .....	18	0	0	0
15	Alliance .....	18	9	0	14
17	Condor .....	16	0	0	0
17	Agnes .....	13	0	0	0